

The Public Demoralization.

The United States Economist, a commercial paper that uniformly sustained the late war and the course of the abolition administration in commencing and continuing it, has come to the conclusion that the war, instead of the good it was believed by the loyal to be, was a curse of irreparable magnitude. That paper craves that at no period in the history of the country has there been such a general and utter depravation of public morals as now exists, and summarizes the present condition. The rights of property and of person, the obligations of truth and the sacredness of social virtue, appear to be losing their wonted hold on the public mind; and as a people we are rushing into a condition of social anarchy and casting away all the bonds that hold society in healthy cohesion. The evidences of this depravation are everywhere to be seen. Crime abounds everywhere. Shooting has become a common method of avenging the most trivial wrongs and every day brings its list of brutal murders, committed for the most trifling objects of a paltry amount of pelf or to satisfy an unbridled passion for revenge. In the South, we have a society, with extensive ramifications, the object of which is to assassinate citizens on account of their political opinions; and even whole districts are subjected to plunder and murder for weeks by an organized "militia," without semblance of law or authority. In the North, we have voters corrupted by tens of thousands to carry the elections by fraud. The young men of the country are corrupted by the inordinate thirst of wealth and the extravagance of private expenditure and as the consequence are resorting to forgery and defrauding their employers, to an alarming extent. The revenue officers of the Government are shown, by constantly occurring revelations, to be little better than an army of plunderers, enriching themselves by collusion with fraud and robbing the taxpayers to the extent of untold millions every year. Even our largest capitalists, who from their great wealth might be assumed to be above any dishonest expedients, are found using their positions in the management of large corporations for the purpose of augmenting their private fortune, at the expense of the stockholders and the interests they hold in trust. Wrongs of this character have now become so common, that transactions which ten years ago would have been considered by the public as a blot which strikingly shows how the general moral sentiment of the public has deteriorated.

This deplorable condition of things as our contemporary admits, is to be regarded as one of the natural consequences of the late war. War, and especially civil war, is essential barbarism. It is a barbaric method of settling the questions of civilization. The same passions are called into operation, and the same ascendancy of brute force over truth and right obtain, as in the case of wars between barbaric races; and when hostilities cease, the lawless and violent habits of the public mind unconsciously run on in the same direction, producing just the state of things we are at present passing through. These barbaric tendencies are now running through every manifestation of our social life, and are retarding more than they are advancing the progress of civilization. There is danger that a remedy for this course of things should be sought in increasing the restrictive powers of the general government; this, indeed, is more than a danger; we see the result being actually accomplished on a large scale; but this is clearly not the true remedy, but an aggravation of existing evils—Crime.

Means schools are great institutions. Mr. Rogers, known in public as Signor Rogers, got hold of a pupil last week who was a horse and a hunchback ahead of him.

"What is a voice?" asked Rogers. "The compound extract of wind."

"What is music?" asked Rogers. "An atmospheric banking institution which never redeems the notes it issues."

"What are wind instruments?" asked Rogers. "Great blowers."

"Name a few of them?" asked Rogers. "Well, buglers, sensation preachers, politicians, trombones, French horns, Gothamites, porpoises, Englishmen, claretists, and daily papers."

"What are musical bars for?" asked Rogers. "To mark a division of measures. As some three fingers are counted as a fair measure for a horn."

Rogers puts the new pupil down as a sharp who could not beat under any circumstances.

VALUABLE TABLE.—The following table will be found valuable to many of our readers:

A box twenty-four inches by sixteen inches square, and twenty-eight inches deep, will contain a bushel.

A box twenty-six by fifteen and a half inches square, and nine inches deep, will contain a bushel.

A box twelve inches by eleven and a half inches square, and nine inches deep, will contain half a bushel.

A box eight by eight inches square, and four and one-half inches deep, will contain one gallon.

A box seven by eight inches square, and four and one-half inches deep, will contain a half gallon.

A box four by four inches square, and four and one-half inches deep, will contain a quart.

THE LONDON NEWS

The London News gives particulars of the recent submarine catastrophe in the Atlantic. Captain Christie, of the bark Euphrosine, relates that when his vessel was in latitude about 16.49 north and longitude 4 west, the sky suddenly became overcast with dense black looking clouds, and in all directions, was heard a noise resembling distant cannoning, while the sea became tossed and confused. To these signs of agitation another was added of peculiar significance. The compass vibrated largely, and lost almost its polarity—a sure sign that a terrestrial disturbance of great extent and violence was in progress. Several large meteors shot out from the heavens—a phenomenon which can hardly be associated with the occurrence of submarine disturbance, unless we suppose that burning matter had been projected from some submarine volcano, and that the flames and smoke were carried by Captain Christie for meteoric bodies. The fish jumped out of the sea, and struck against the sides of the ship, and the trembling of the vessel could be distinctly felt as well as heard. Both the last named phenomena point so distinctly to submarine action as to remove all doubt which might be suggested by the appearance of meteors. The intense heat of the matter thrown out in submarine convulsions invariably drives the fish away from the neighborhood, killing large quantities of those which happen to be near the outlet from which the burning matter is being erupted. Captain Christie relates that the volcanic action of the sea continued during the night until sunrise, when the weather became clear and settled.

TO PURIFY A ROOM.

Set a pitcher of water in a room, and in a few hours it will have absorbed all the respired gases in the room, the air of which will become purer, but the water utterly filthy. The colder the water is the greater the capacity to contain these gases. At ordinary temperature a pint of water will contain a pint of carbonic acid gas and several pints of ammonia. The capacity is nearly doubled for reducing the water to a temperature of ice. Hence, water kept in a room while it is always unfit for use. For the same reason the water from a pump should be pumped up in the morning before any of it is used. Impure air—The above, if true, proves how exceedingly careless many of us are as regards our health, for we venture to say that a large majority of the people use water for drinking which has "absorbed" for hours the noxious gases of their rooms.—Much care is requisite to preserve health.

Geo. William Curtis says: "The summer is over and the harvest ending. The earth, like a decorated temple, stands heaped with the treasures of the field; and now, like a Roman conqueror returning with the spoils of victory to the capital, comes the farmer to his festival with all the fruits of his triumphant year."

A WORTHY Quaker thus wrote: "I expect to pass through this world but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing that I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

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